(b) what is the number of persons arrested in these cases and how many of them belong to Bangladesh; and

(c) how many Bangladeshi nationals involved in crimes have been convicted during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The requisite details are given as under:

Period	Number of cases of theft	Number of persons arrested	Number of cases of robbery	Number of persons arrested
Jun.-Nov., 2002	8156	4010	248	508

These included in all 16 nationals of Bangladesh.

(c) During the last three years, 66 nationals of Bangladesh involved in crimes were convicted.

Plan to curb begging by children in Delhi

2902. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large network of professional beggars operate all over the national capital and because of lucrative business they train their children to join them in it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are mostly drug addict and the begging business happens to be an easiest way for them;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check the rising menace of beggars; and

(d) what strict measures are being planned to curb begging by children on a permanent footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No such organised network has come to the notice of Delhi Police.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police have instructed their officers to remove beggars from various road inter-sections and other public places and to take action as per law against them. The children amongst them are produced before the Child Welfare Committee for their rehabilitation.

Noise pollution in Delhi

2903. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sound/noise pollution in the vicinity of New Delhi and Delhi residential areas constitute offence under any law;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the punishment prescribed for committing such offence;

(c) whether the laws are strictly implemented; and

(d) if so, the number of cases and punishment given for committing such offences in the National Capital Region during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are several Local & Speical Laws under which noise pollution is prohibited and the violation of these laws entails punishment varying from imprisonment to fine or both.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The number of cases registered by Delhi Police during the last three years and upto 30th November, 2002 in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the number of cases which ended with punshment during the same period are indicated below:

Year	Number of cases registered	Number of cases which ended with punishment
1999	24	23
2000	18	17
2001	44	35
2002 (up to 30.11.2002)	59	32